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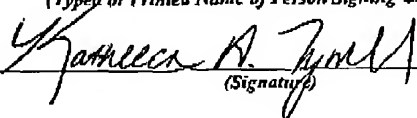
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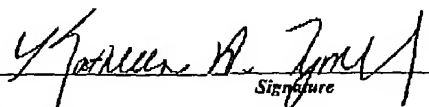
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Dear Sir:

Reply to Restriction Requirement

This is a reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed May
28, 2004 setting a one (1) month statutory period for response.
Please enter the following remarks into the record.

Remarks begin at page 2.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the instant patent application.

Claims 1-17 have been subjected to a Restriction Requirement as follows:

Group I, claims 1-9, 14/1, and 15/1, drawn to nucleic acids, vectors, methods of making host cells, methods of making polypeptides and methods of diagnosis using nucleic acids, classified in class 536, subclass 23.5 and class 435, subclasses 252.3, 325, 6, 320.1, and 69.1;

Group II, claims 9 and 10 6, drawn to polypeptides, classified in class 530, subclass 350;

Group III, claims 12, 13, 14/6, and 15/6, drawn to antibodies, antibody assays and kits, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1 and class 435, subclass 7.1;

Group IV, claim 16, drawn to methods of treatment using antibodies, classified in class 424, subclass 130.1; and

Group V, claim 17, drawn to nucleic acid vaccines, classified in class 514, subclass 44.

The Examiner suggests that these Groups are distinct, each from the other.

Specifically, the Examiner suggests that the nucleic acids, vectors and host cells of Group I are materially different from the polypeptides of Group II and the antibodies of Group III and that the polypeptides of Group II are materially different from the antibodies of Group II and that both are materially different from the vaccines of Group V. Further, the Examiner suggests that the methods of Group I are not needed to make the polypeptides of Group II

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or the antibodies of Group III nor to practice the method of Group IV and that the methods of Group IV are not needed to make the nucleic acid vaccines of Group V. Finally the Examiner suggests that the methods of Groups I, III and IV may be practiced independently.

Applicants respectfully traverse this Restriction Requirement.

MPEP §803 provides two criteria which must be met for a restriction requirement to be proper. The first is that the inventions be independent or distinct. The second is that there would be a serious burden on the Examiner if the restriction is not required. A search of prior art relating to an elected nucleic acid, polypeptide or antibody would also reveal any references teaching uses for the nucleic acid, polypeptide or antibody. Accordingly, Applicants believe that searching of all the claims, at least when limited to elected nucleic acids, polypeptides, or antibodies, is overlapping and would not place an undue burden on the Examiner if the Restriction is not made.

Thus, since this Restriction Requirement does not meet both criteria as set forth in MPEP § 803 to be proper, reconsideration and withdrawal of this Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

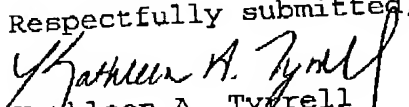
In addition, with respect to the election of a single sequence, MPEP § 803.04 clearly states that a reasonable number of nucleotide sequences, normally ten sequences, can be claimed in a single application. Accordingly, withdrawal of this sequence election requirement and reconsideration to include a more reasonable number of at

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least 10 sequences in accordance with MPEP § 803.04 is also respectfully requested.

However, in an earnest effort to advance the prosecution of this case Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-9, 14/1 and 15/1 with traverse. Further, Applicants elect the nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO:31, encoding SEQ ID NO:125 with traverse.

Applicants believe that the foregoing comprises a full and complete response to the Office Action of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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